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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIA AND ICCS

REF: JAKARTA 3691

1. YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO TOP LEVELS OF GOI THE MOST SERIOUS CONCERN OF USG REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF TOTAL INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS AT THIS TIME. APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO MALIK OR, IF YOU BELIEVE MORE EFFECTIVE IN GETTING OUR POINT ACROSS UNMISTAKABLY, TO SUHARTO.

2. YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT WE UNDERSTAND AND HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOI'S PULLING BACK FROM ENDANGERED TEAM SITES. WITHDRAWAL OF ENTIRE INDONESIAN CONTINGENT FROM VIET-NAM, HOWEVER, WOULD EFFECTIVELY MEAN THE END OF THE ICCS AND BE ANOTHER BODY BLOW TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT -- DEALT IN THIS CASE BY A FRIENDLY POWER, NOT BY THE DRV/PRG. IT SHOULD ALSO BE APPARENT TO GOI THAT SUCH A STEP COULD WELL RESULT IN FURTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO THE GVN, WHILE ENCOURAGING HANOI'S CURRENT BLATANT OFFENSIVE. A GOI MOVE TO WITH-

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DRAW WOULD DOUBTLESS ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PROSPECTS

FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF PENDING U. S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE GVN. AT THE MINIMUM, YOU SHOULD SEEK GOI'S AGREEMENT TO HOLD DECISION IN ABEYANCE PENDING OUTCOME OF

GVN EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE MILITARY SITUATION DURING THE COURSE OF CURRENT DRY SEASON.

3. FOR SAIGON: REQUEST YOU COMMENT DIRECTLY ON GVN CAPABILITIES TO EFFECT MILITARY STABILIZATION. KISSINGER

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